

How can this group support you in prayer this coming week?



Legos and Legacies
1 Corinthians 3:1-17
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The messiness of our selfish tantrums

The measure of our specific tasks

The magnificence of God's sacred temple



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Message-based Group Lesson

Overview

Paul returns to the theme of the divisions in the Corinthian church. He laments that he has to treat them like spoiled children who cannot move on in their faith individually and corporately. His antidote to this mess is to draw their attention to two pictures, one from the farmer's field and the other from the building of the temple, to illustrate and focus on the unique and powerful thing God is doing in His church. The pictures are beautiful. But they also contain an important warning that we must carefully heed.

Engaging with each other

1. When you were a child, what did you create or build that you were most proud of?

Engaging with the Bible

1. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9. When you think about the things that keep people from learning more of the "deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:10b) what comes to mind? What does Paul indicate is the real hindrance to this deeper knowledge?
2. What are some of the lessons illustrated in the reference to the planting of crops in a field? What is the basis of reward for the laborer?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-17. The building described in verses 10-17 is clearly a reference to the temple. What is the radical implication of this image?
4. What is the key to successful, lasting work on this building?

5. In what sense is the building operational while it's being built?
6. What does the reference to "the Day" in verse 13 imply? Is this reference different from other references to judgment?
7. What is the solemn warning Paul gives us all? What does this imply about how God views His church?

Engaging with our lives

1. How would you describe the difference between "genuine concern" versus a "critical spirit"?
2. Would you say that you are contributing to or impeding the building of God's church?
3. Consider your own heart for a moment. In what ways might jealousy, quarreling, a critical spirit or divisiveness be keeping you from going deeper with God?